

Theological Studies: Faith Seeking Understanding



Theology, more than an academic field, is a way to know God. Evagrius Ponticus, an ancient desert monk, taught that a theologian is one who prays and the one who prays is a theologian. Many, many saints such as St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Augustine of Hippo, and St. Bonaventure found holiness in learning theology.

Studying Catholic theology is a deep, wonderfully captivating way to deepen one's relationship with God and gain a more penetrating vision of reality. Theological Studies is a course introducing everyday parishioners to the discipline of theology by immersion in a book of theology and teaching derived from the book.

Wednesdays, 7 PM - 8:30 PM NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM
July 12, 19, 26, 2023

For the Summer 2023 course, we will read An Introduction to Medieval Theology by Rik van Nieuwenhove

Medieval theology, in all its diversity, was radically theo-centric, Trinitarian, Scriptural and sacramental. It also operated with a profound view of human understanding. Their different perspective does not antiquate their thought, as some of the 'cultured despisers' of medieval thought might imagine. On the contrary, rather than rendering their views obsolete it makes them profoundly challenging and enriching for theology today. This book is more than a survey of key medieval thinkers (from Augustine to the late-medieval period); it is an invitation to think along with major theologians and explore how their thought can deeply challenge some of today's modern and post-modern key assumptions.